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UNION LEADERS WILL CALL OUT MORE WORKERS

Extension of General Strike in Sympathy With Carmen is Plan of Labor Executives—Violence Reported at Many Points and Passengers on Elevated Lines Are Hurt—Jewish Workmen May Not Return After Holiday.

New York, Sept. 28.—Renewed efforts were made today to extend the general strike of all trades unions in this city and Westchester county which began yesterday to enforce the demands of the striking street railwaymen. Only part of the total number of organized workers responded to the strike call on the first day, the estimates of the number going on strike ranging from 500,000 to upwards of 125,000. The maximum figures were given out by the labor leaders.

The unions having a total membership of 144,000 are to vote on the strike today. One of the most important of these organizations is the New York Building Trades Council. It was announced that 7,000 brewery workers will strike today but it was noted that these men have a trade agreement which permits them to have a holiday at this season every year.

Members of the United Hebrew Trades, composing one of the largest divisions of trade unionism in the city, are celebrating the Jewish New Year today. Whether they will remain out on strike cannot be determined until next week.

Today is the beginning of the third week of the strike of the street carmen. The strike is improving daily. Union leaders, however, see a possibility that the motormen of the subway and elevated lines may join the strike as a result of grievances presented in their behalf by the brotherhood of locomotive engineers.

Word has been received from Mauden B. Scott, president of the International Typographical Union, that he has advised the local union here that the executive committee of that organization will not sanction a strike and that their contracts with employers will be observed to the letter.

One passenger was injured when a Third Avenue elevated train was derailed with brakes and bottles today. Other Third Avenue trains also were attacked but the damage was limited to broken windows. The police today arrested four men, two of them striking street railway employees, on the charge of having been responsible for the riot that took place last night following the derailment of a Third Avenue surface car at 96th street.

Call General Strike
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 28.—A call for a general strike of union workmen in Seattle as a means of aiding striking longshoremen here was voted last night by the central labor council. The call is to be issued in three weeks.

WILSON AGREES TO PROGRAM OF MANY SPEECHES
Will Make Address Every Saturday Until Campaign Is Ended.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 28.—The arrangements for President Wilson to make the Republican stand on prominent issues of the campaign were made at a conference here today between the President, Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Secretary Tamm. Wilson, who is in New York today, will make his first address as a foundation, the President is preparing to build up the Democratic case in a series of addresses.

Mr. Wilson, it was decided definitely today, will make at least two speeches in New York state, one in New York city and the other in Buffalo. They will not be made until the middle or latter part of October and will be arranged to back up the active campaign to be made by Samuel Seabury, Democratic candidate for governor, and William F. McCoombe, candidate for senator.

A decision also was reached for the President to make at least one speech here every Saturday between now and election. He will address a Pennsylvania delegation Oct. 14, and today arrangements were made for him to speak to a delegation of farmers and a delegation from St. Louis later in the month.

"Mr. Hughes is slipping and from now on Mr. Wilson's stock will rise," said Mr. McCormick, who was plainly pleased by his conference with the President.

"There is to be no lagging in the Democratic campaign and every point made by the Republicans will be more than answered."

Mr. McCormick left here this morning for New York and will return for another conference next Monday.

Mr. Wilson had his picture taken today, winning a medal on Scout Mack Morris, of Hazelton, Pa., a winner of the highest honors conferred by the Boy Scouts of America.

Wants \$8,000 For Injuries Received In Trolley Crash

With over 100 cases on the trial list the common pleas court, civil side, will convene tomorrow with Judge Scott on the bench. Tomorrow's session will be devoted to hearing short calendar motions. Next Tuesday Judge Scott will commence to try cases. Judge Scott, who was ill during the summer, is greatly improved in health.

Colonel Murphy Buys State St. Property

Another notable change in State street property became known today when Col. Timothy J. Murphy announced that he had purchased from the estate of Henry Setzer the four-story brick block originally built to house the Washington market when it moved from the site now occupied by the post office.

The property is located at 256-162 State street and is at present occupied by the Village Store annex. H. H. Jasmin & Co., furniture dealers, the Sun restaurant and Chris Rona's barber shop. There are many apartments in the building.

WON'T RESIGN, BURR & KNAPP TRUSTEE SAYS

Hasn't Done Anything Open to Criticism, Declares J. C. Chamberlain.

CHARGES UNTRUE, HE TELLS PUBLIC

Says He Has Accomplished More For Creditors Than Anyone Else Could.

A long conference between Referee John W. Banks and John C. Chamberlain, trustee of Burr & Knapp, this morning was followed by positive statements from Mr. Chamberlain to the effect that he would not resign from the office of trust imposed upon him by the creditors.

"I have not done one thing in my custody of Burr & Knapp's affairs which is open to criticism," said Mr. Chamberlain in a statement issued to the press today in refutation of 14 charges filed against him by creditors in the United States district court asking for his removal.

Continuing, he added: "And I do believe that I have done more for the creditors than any other man in the city of Bridgeport could have done. I do not say this with egotism but because of my familiarity with the business."

Mr. Chamberlain has retained Attorney John H. Pullman to prepare an answer to the allegations recited in the application for his removal which will be submitted to the court as soon as opportunity permits.

Spotswood H. Bowers, who prepared the charges for the petitioning creditors and is counsel of record in the United States court, intimated this morning that if the contentions now before the court were sustained, additional suits at law might be brought for the recovery of such moneys as might be determined rightfully to belong to the creditors of Burr & Knapp. No definite time will be set for the hearing on the application, nor will undue advantage be taken of the fact that Mr. Chamberlain's attorneys did not put in appearance in court on Sept. 26, the day set by Judge Howe of Vermont for the hearing. "The case will be fought strictly on its merits," said Attorney Bowers today.

While the opposing side asserts that many of the allegations set forth in the application are the direct result of testimony taken before Referee in Bankruptcy Banks when examinations of Herbert M. Knapp and John C. Chamberlain were made, Mr. Chamberlain emphatically asserts that "there is not a word of essential truth in these allegations."

Commenting generally upon the complaint following a conference with Judge Banks, Mr. Chamberlain asserted that every act mentioned as directly connected with his trusteeship had been passed upon by the referee in person.

Of other acts he specifically denied the first allegation as "untrue." "It is not true," he said, "that I was acting for Burr & Knapp for upwards of four years. Every suit brought in their name was at the instigation or for the benefit of somebody else. Such a one was brought at the instance of one of the signers of this petition and to serve her interest."

"The second statement is not true in any essential detail. I bought Fairview Lawn out and out and paid for it with a \$10,000 note."

"The third allegation likewise is untrue for the note mentioned was discounted by Mr. Knapp for his own accommodation with the express understanding that it should furnish the security for it and he did furnish that security himself and had the money derived from the discount of the note."

Mr. Chamberlain likewise characterized the other statements as untrue, and with emphasis about the sale of the Trust Co. assets that he had offered there for sale three separate times, having gone back to the referee that many times for instructions. He said that \$4,000 was a large sum of money for the business and that he had received for sale of an insurance business in Bridgeport.

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GREECE TO OPEN WAR ON BULGARS AT ONCE

MACHINISTS MAY INVITE HILL TO EXPLAIN WORKING CONDITIONS IN HIS MILL INSTEAD OF TO LECTURE

Probably never before in his history as a candidate for Congress has Ebenezer J. Hill adopted as unique a method for enticing votes as he has this year. Bereft by circumstances of his old standby, jute and hemp, Mr. Hill has a new way of lulling the voter to sleep.

"The Experiences of Ebenezer in Egypt" is the title of Mr. Hill's new speech. He wants to perpetrate it on the machinists of Bridgeport, but it is unlikely his wish will be granted.

Mr. Hill has written a letter to the International Association of Machinists' local in this city, something to this effect:

"It would give me great pleasure to address the members of your union some evening on my travels in Egypt. I am sure they will be interested. Some of the things the alderman of the first district in Cairo told me are awfully

funny and you should hear them. He gave me some inside stuff on how to get campaign contributions, because I tipped him off to vote 'No' on some measure or other they had up."

Mr. Hill wants to tell us his experiences in Cairo," said George J. Bowen, business agent of the machinists today. "I don't think we'll accept his offer."

"Just now we're busy making an investigation of the complaints we received that in his foundry, the Norwalk Iron Works, two air compressors are being made for the government and four for the Lake Co., the latter to be used by the government, and that his employees are working 10 hours a day on the job. Government contracts require enforcement of the eight hour day provision, and if he's violating it, a formal complaint will be made to the Federal authorities."

CONNECTICUT CO. WILL REFUSE 50 MUST LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROPOSES TO SEE THAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE.

Bridgeport will no longer stand for methods of procrastination in the service of the Connecticut Co. Not only is it expected that the company will carry out its implied obligations when it obtained Bridgeport's support in a petition to the Public Utilities commission and the legislature for an extension of line to Nichols, but at the meeting of the legislature this winter the company will be forced to make other extensions and connections about the city for the convenience of patrons.

These facts were ascertained from persons in close touch with the chamber of commerce, where a meeting of the transportation committee was held in executive session to discuss preliminary plans today.

It became known that Theodore B. Ford, formerly Public Utilities commissioner, has been retained by the committee in an advisory capacity and that the Nichols extension will be the first matter taken up pending the sessions of the General Assembly.

The first step to be taken is likely to be a petition by merchants, manufacturers and residents to Mayor Wilson, demanding that adequate service be rendered in the northeast section of Bridgeport, looking towards better development of that section which is not now served.

The belt-line proposition is also understood to be under consideration as a possible factor in the bettering of the service in the central and middle central portions of the city. For this purpose it would be necessary to procure special legislation.

Though admitting that the committee met today for the purpose of discussing the situation and that Mr. Ford's recommendations would be transmitted to the committee through the chairman, R. W. Miller, Secretary Gove of the chamber said today that the meeting was held in executive session to arrange plans not fully completed.

CHINESE ENVOY AT WASHINGTON TAKES OWN LIFE AFTER TRYING TO KILL OLD ENEMY

Peking, Sept. 28.—Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, minister to the United States, has sent his resignation to the foreign office, giving ill-health as the reason. The resignation has not yet been accepted by the President.

Dr. Koo's resignation has created surprise in Peking. Tang Shao Yi, recently appointed foreign minister but who has refused the office, is opposed to Dr. Koo because of his monarchial leanings.

Judge John W. Banks Reappointed Referee

Reappointment of John W. Banks as referee in the United States district court, for a period of two years was announced by Judge Edwin S. Thomas, district judge, today. The appointment is dated October 1.

Attorney Banks has the distinction of being the dean of the referees in the state of Connecticut whose term of office runs consecutively since the establishment of the bankruptcy act in 1898.

THE WEATHER
Probably showers tonight and Friday; cooler Friday.

King Constantine, at Conference With Leaders, Decides to Declare Hostilities Immediately—Troops Will Be Mobilized as Soon as Ultimatum is Sent to Bulgaria Ordering the Immediate Evacuation of Greek Macedonia—King's Brother is Recalled From London—Cretan Revolution Growing.

Athens, Wednesday, Sept. 27, Via London, Sept. 28.—The Associated Press is in a position to state positively that King Constantine decided this morning in favor of an immediate declaration of war on Bulgaria.

Reports that a general mobilization has been ordered is premature. After a session of the council of ministers at the palace this morning, Premier Kalloropoulos hastily called a meeting. The premier declared the government was giving the fullest consideration to the situation and said there might be addressed to Bulgaria a note of such a character that mobilization would logically follow.

War on Bulgarians Decided

Later in the day it developed that the King had decided on a declaration of war against Bulgaria. The decision has not yet been announced publicly, as numerous details remain to be worked out. They include an ultimatum to Bulgaria demanding instant evacuation of all Greek Macedonia, as well as plans for mobilization under the difficult ends presented by the occupation of Greek territory by the entente forces.

The King this morning discussed the mobilization problem minutely with General Moschopoulos, chief of staff, and General Yanakitsas, former minister of war. The King probably will preside personally over a meeting of the crown council tomorrow.

Excitement is evident everywhere this afternoon. The people feel that their long period of expectancy is about to end and the prospect of a war with the Bulgarians apparently is welcome.

King Recalls His Brother
London, Sept. 28.—Prince George of Greece, brother of King Constantine, who has been in London for some time representing the views of the Greek court, today received a telegram from the King recalling him to Athens.

TO PROCLAIM REVOLUTION.
Paris, Sept. 28.—An Athens despatch to the Havas Agency says that a monster meeting will be held at Mytilene tomorrow at which the revolution will be proclaimed.

GERMANS CHECK ATTACK.
Berlin, Sept. 28.—German troops yesterday victoriously repulsed the Anglo-French forces on a greater part of the battle front between the Ancre Brook and the river Somme, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

BRITISH PUSH FORWARD.
London, Sept. 28.—British troops last night advanced at various points on the Somme front between Martinpuich and Guedecourt, says the British official statement today.

GERMANS ARE REPULSED.
Paris, Sept. 28.—A strong attack was made by the Germans last night on the Verdun front, between Thiamont and Fleury. The war office announced today that the assaults had been repulsed with heavy losses for the Germans.

On the Somme front French batteries are actively bombarding the German positions. Bulgarian forces made two attacks last night near Florina on the western end of the Macedonian front. The repulse of these attacks by the French and Russians is reported in an official announcement given out here today. No further attack on Kamaakalan Heights has been undertaken by the Bulgarians.

On the Struma front, near Janina, British artillery was more active.

Jennings' Chauffeur Held For Accident

After striking and killing Ralph Benevento, aged four, of New Haven, in that city yesterday, David Cook, a chauffeur employed by Oliver G. Jennings, of Fairfield, was placed under arrest by the police of New Haven, charged with reckless driving.

Cook asserts that he could not avoid the accident. He maintains that the boy ran from behind a wagon which was traveling at a very moderate rate of speed.

Registration For Opening Day 18,413

The total registration for the public schools for the opening day on Monday was 18,413 an increase of 1,271 over the opening day for the public schools last fall. Superintendent of Schools Samuel J. Slawson said today that the registration would increase every day from now until the middle of November. He denied that high school pupils have any difficulty in obtaining text books.

BURGLARS FRIGHTENED AWAY

An attempt to burglarize the saloon of John Rogers, at State street and Colorado avenue, failed this morning. The police discovered that an effort had been made to force an entrance but the burglars were evidently scared away by a passing pedestrian.

GUN POINTED AT HIM, MAN SUES FOR \$1,500.

Alleging that a shot gun was pointed at him by Eli Budd of Huntington, Peter Vincent of Huntington, has brought suit against Budd for \$1,500. The plaintiff says Budd pointed the weapon at him September 4 last and threatened to shoot him. Papers in the action were filed today in the superior court.